



SUPPORTING MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS

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Governor Daniels Opposes Mandatory Helmet Law

While Governor Mitch Daniels strongly supports helmet safety, he does not favor legislation making helmets mandatory for all motorcyclists.

Daniels always remembers to wear his helmet, and encourages others to do the same, but thinks the decision should be that of personal choice rather than a mandate by law.

HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY TOUR DAY PROCLAIMED

Governor Mitch Daniels proclaimed June 10, 2006 "Heroes of Public Safety Tour Day" to honor individuals working in public safety.

The Heroes of Public Safety Tour is a motorcycle ride that was established to honor the brave men and women of public safety and the military who have given their lives in service to their communities and country.



Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts turned out for the Miracle Ride for Riley Children's Hospital June 5, 2005

DANIELS RIDES TO PROMOTE HELMET SAFETY

Governor Mitch Daniels spent the weekend of June 9, 2006 promoting helmet safety to motorcycle enthusiasts across Indiana. A stop at the 16th annual Ultimate Bike Show at Sunset Hills County Park was just one of many in which Daniels was able to advocate increased motorcycle safety.

While weather was not optimal for arriving to the Bike Show on his 2004 Harley, he stressed the importance of motorcycle safety, not only to bike riders, but to riders of all vehicles.

Records show that motorcycle fatalities are down this year and Governor Daniels believes increased law enforcement and awareness are key to this declining statistic.

Daniels agrees that safety education is essential for motorists in order to remain cautious when on and around motorcycles.



Governor Mitch Daniels joins radio personalities Bob and Tom to support the Miracle Ride for Riley Children's Hospital.

Gov. Daniels Stops in Kokomo on Safety Ride

Governor Mitch Daniels, along with approximately 40 members from American Bikers Aimed Towards Education (ABATE) and other motorcycle enthusiast groups, recently stopped at the Eagles Lodge on Lincoln Road in Kokomo to promote motorcycle safety and meet with area residents.

The Governor arrived in style on his 2004 Harley adorned with the Indiana state flag and seal. While discussions ranged in topic, Daniels' main focus was motorcycle and helmet safety.

Daniels began riding bikes at the young age of 20. He took several years off at the request of Mrs. Daniels, but has recently returned to his love of cycling.

Daniels Signs Bill for Motorcycle Specialty Plates

Governor Mitch Daniels has finally made it possible for motorcycle enthusiasts to purchase specialty license plates. Riley Hospital will be the first beneficiary of Senate Enrolled Act 235, which took effect July 1, 2006.

"After last year's charity

ride for Riley, I met a woman who asked why there were no motorcycle charity plates," said Daniels. "I had never thought of it before, but when I learned that her child had been saved at Riley, Bob Kevoian and I decided on the spot that we

needed to make this happen."

For any motorcycle plate developed, the Indiana BMV will collect a special group fee of \$25 annually, place the proceeds into a trust fund, and distribute to authorized groups each year.